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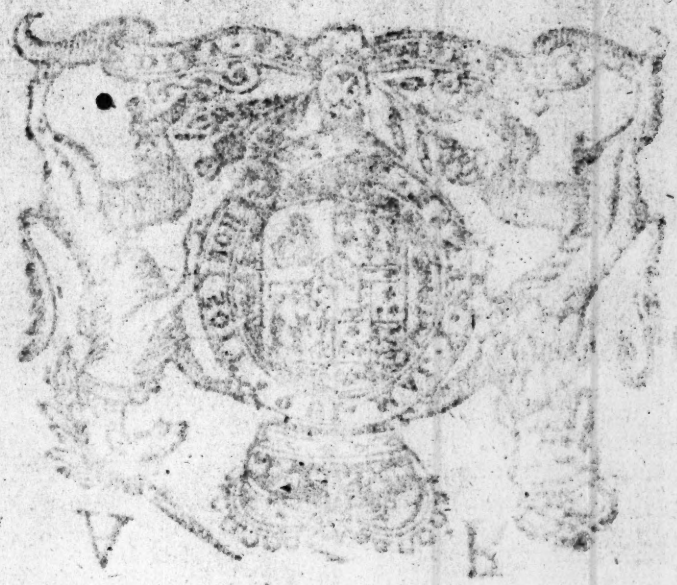

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Her Majeſties moſt Gracious Letter to the Parliament of Scotland.

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE thought to have brought you ſooner together in this Meeting of Parliament, but the Great and Weighty Affairs wherein We have been engaged this Winter, were a neceſſary Hindrance.

We have on ſeveral Occaſions given you and all Our good Subjects Aſſurance of Our firm Reſolution, to maintain and protect them in their Religion, Rights and Liberties as at preſent eſtabliſhed by Law.

And if there be any thing elſe wanting for the Satisfaction of Our People, and the Security of that Our Ancient Kingdom; We ſhall be always ready to have it timeouſly provided for and ſupplyed.

You ſee that we continue engaged in a great and neceſſary War for the Defence of the *Proteſtant Religion*, and the Preſervation of the Liberties of *Chriſtendom*; And We hope you will be careful to guard againſt all Dangers that this War may threaten; For which end, We recommend to you more particularly the Conſideration of the State of our Forces, Forts and Garriſons, that they be duely and ſufficiently maintained, and the neceſſary Supplies granted for that effect, and all kept in ſuch Order as may be moſt conducing to the Eaſe, as well as Safety of the Country.

We alſo recommend to your Care, that Trade be encouraged, and all Methods taken for the Advancement thereof, either by amending former Laws, or making new ones, or any thing elſe that may be found Needful and Expedient for the Benefite of the Kingdom.

It hath been, and ſhall always be Our chief Study and Endeavour, to eſtabliſh and ſecure the Peace, and promote the Good of that Our Ancient Kingdom; And therefore We do expect your Concurrence and Aſſiſtance for ſuch good and great Ends; And that you will proſecute them with that Wiſdom, Prudence and Unanimity, as may moſt tend to our common Advantage and Satisfaction; But chiefly, that effectual Means may be laid down for promoting of Religion, Virtue and true Piety, and ſuppreſſing Vice and Immorality, and providing for the Poor.

We

We have appointed Our right Trustie and intirely beloved Cousin and Counsellor, *James* Duke of *Queensberry* to be Our Commissioner, to represent Our Royal Person in this Session of Parliament, being well satisfied that the Experience that both We and you have had of his great Abilities and Fidelity in his former Discharge of this Trust, will fully commend Our Choice, and render him to you acceptable.

This being your first Meeting, and We having recommended nothing but what is for your own Security and Welfare, We confidently expect a suitable Return, and a dutiful and cheerful Concurrence in what We propose, and that all Differences and Animosities laid aside, you will with Concord and Diligence bring Matters to such a happy Conclusion, as shall establish a lasting Union between Us and Our People: So We bid you heartily Farewel.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the 30th day of March 1703, and of Our Reign the second Year.

By Her *Majesties* Command,

Sic Subscribitur, TARBAT.

Directed,

To the Noblemen, and to the Barrons Commissioners for Shires, and to the Commissioners for Burghs, assembled in Parliament in our antient Kingdom of SCOTLAND.

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